

BAIS TORAH BULLETIN

פרשת יתרו
הדלקת נרות 5:15

February 17, 2017

כ"א שבט תשע"ז

ערב שבת פרשת יתרו

Candle lighting	5:15
Mincha	5:25
Shkiah	5:33

שבת פרשת יתרו

Hashkama	7:30
Daf Yomi	8:00
Shacharis	8:45
Sof Zman K" S	9:28
Halach Shiur	4:20
Mincha	5:05
Shkiah	5:34
Maariv	6:16

Weekday Schedule:

Week of 2/19-2/24

Shacharis

Sun	7:45
Mon, Thurs	6:20, 7:45
Tues, Weds, Fri	6:30, 7:45

MINCHA-MAARIV

Sun-Thurs	5:25 PM
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SECOND MAARIV

Mon-Thurs	7:30 PM
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NEXT WEEK

שבת פרשת משפטים

Candle lighting	5:23
Mincha	5:30
Shkiah	5:41

WHAT'S NEW

This week's Kiddush is available for sponsorship.

סעודה שלישית is available for sponsorship.

Bnos this Shabbos 2:30-3:30 for girls Kindergarden-8th grade.

Avos Ubanim this Motzaei Shabbos! Learning! Pizza! Prizes! Learning begins at **7:30PM**. This week is sponsored by Charles and Shulamith Grandovsky for the yartzeit of his mother Golda Rivka bas Chizkiyahu Hacoen. Sponsorships are available for \$50 per week. Please contact Mrs. Amy Gottlieb via phone 357-3913 or email: mrsagottlieb@gmail.com or contact Aviva in the shul office.

The TCN shiurim are at Bais Torah Thursday nights: Rabbi Mansour's shiur is at 7:45PM, Rabbi Frand's shiur is at 9PM. Motzaie Shabbos at 8 PM is Rabbi Reisman's shiur.

The Daf Yomi Shiurim for this past week (February 12-18) were sponsored by David and Ruth Lehmann in memory of their fathers, Mr. Felix Lehmann and Mr. Ludwig Rollhaus.

Matzah Baking with Bais Torah is this Sunday February 19th 3:00 PM at the Shatzer Matzah bakery. The matzos are \$26.50 per lb. To order matzah sign up on the order form on the bulletin board in shul or call (845) 304 8884 or email eiointova@gmail.com

The next **Birthday and Anniversary Kiddush is Shabbos Parshas Mishpotim-Shabbos Mevorchim, Erev Rosh Chodesh Adar, Shabbos Shekalim-February 25th**. If you are celebrating a birthday or anniversary in February or March celebrate at a Kiddush with your Bais Torah family. **Only \$18 per name or couple**, please email Aviva at baistorah@gmail.com.

Purim is rapidly approaching! This year's basket is going to be spectacular! Please send in your **Mishloach Manos forms** as soon as possible to be sure you are a part of our big fundraiser!

BAIS TORAH PURIM CHAGIGA, Motzaie Shabbos March 11th, 1 hour after Megillah- approximately 8:45PM. Bring the whole family for a fun-filled night with LIVE music, food and costumes!

Save the Date: Sunday morning April 2-special presentation by Rabbi Berel Wein...stay tuned for details.

MAZAL TOV

Yossie and Aviva Schmutter on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Yechiel Schmutter, son of Mordechai and Sara Schmutter of Passaic

Refuah Shelaimah

Katie Tannenbaum's grandson-

יהונתן משה בן דבורה טובה

Rosalie Kallner

שיינה רחל בת שרה הודל

Henry Shapiro-

חיים מאיר יחיאל בן מלכה לאה

Bob Schore -

חיים ראובן בן הענדל יהודית

Larry Seligson's son-

אריה לייב בן רבקה

Larry Seligson's son-

רפאל אפרים בן סימא פריעדל

Manny Mayerfeld

מנחם בן קילה

פנחס לייאן בן ריזל

Ruth Malinowitz

רבקה בת פריידא

Andy Yurowitz

אליהו זבי בן חנה

Shira Steinberg

שרה רות בת שרה

Rechy Ortner's cousin

רחל ביילא בת גיטל

Goldress grandson

אילן רפאל בן טובה רבקה

Jennifer Herrman's mother

שרה צירלא בת ידיל

BIKUR CHOLIM-

Please Call Before Visiting

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SHIURIM

Women's Tehilim, I'zecher nishmas Feigel bas Menachem Mendel, meets **Shabbos** afternoon 45 minutes before the Halacha shiur

Sunday:

6:25 AM Daf Yomi
Rabbi Avromy Fein

8:30 AM Gemara Mischeches Pesachim

Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb

Mon-Friday

5:25 AM Daf Yomi I
Rabbi Avromy Fein

7:00 AM Daf Yomi II

Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb

8:25 AM Chumash Shiur

Rabbi Yosef Fischer

9:45 AM Gemara Shiur

Rabbi Leibel Reznick

Wednesday

8:00 PM Navi Shiur

Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb

Thursday

8:00 The Sandra Thurm Women's Mishna Class

Dr. Deborah Raice Fox

Parashas Yisro – How Could Yisro Add a Section to the Torah?

The President of the United States, Donald J. Trump, has nominated a judge for the Supreme Court, Neil Gorsuch, to fill the seat of Antonin Scalia. Article II of the U.S. Constitution gives the authority to the president to do so, subject to the “advice and consent” of the Senate.

The Midrash records a conversation between a Roman noblewoman and Rabbi Yossi ben Chaftha. She asked him, “How long did it take G-d to create His world?” He answered, “Six days.” “And what has He been doing since then?” He answered, “G-d is arranging marriages; so-and-so's daughter to so-and-so.” She said, “I could do that too!” She took a thousand of her male servants and lined them up opposite a thousand of her female servants, and instructed them to marry each other. The next day, they came to her with black eyes, broken arms and legs, etc. She realized that match-making was much harder than it looks. The chastened matron now praised G-d for His great wisdom!

Moshe had to give Tziporah a “Get,” because they were unable to live together as man and wife, because Moshe, was on call 24/7 as a prophet and had to be available to HaShem in a state of purity at all times. Perhaps when HaShem made the match between Moshe and Tziporah, He was really trying to bring Moshe Rabbeinu and Yisro, two towering personalities, together.

We know of the greatness of Yisro from another Midrash, which speaks of Pharaoh seeking advice from a trio of advisors on how to deal with his “Jewish Problem:” Bilaam, Iyov and Yisro. Bilaam enthusiastically backed the plan of drowning the Jewish baby boys, thereby earning the “reward” of having prophecy come from his mouth contrary to his intention and later, death by the sword. Iyov was silent, and for not denouncing evil, he was punished by having his pleasant life-style violently disrupted and having to undergo a period of extremely harsh testing of his faith until HaShem forgave him and more than restored him. Yisro protested the evil plot by fleeing from Pharaoh's “House of Bondage.” He was rewarded by having Moshe become his son-in-law and by contributing to the Torah his advice on the administration of Justice, describing the qualities that a judge must have: *“And you shall discern from among the entire people, men of accomplishment, G-d fearing people, men of truth, people who despise money, and you shall appoint them leaders of thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens - and they shall bring every major matter to you, and every minor matter they shall judge...If you do this thing – and G-d shall command you – then you will be able to endure, and this entire people shall arrive at its destination in peace.”* (Shemos 18:21-23)

But truly, is it not highly unusual, if not unheard of, for a human being to contribute an original idea to the Torah? The Torah Shelema cites the Mechilta of Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai, “Why did HaShem not command Moshe to do this first?” And Rabbi Shimon answers, “HaShem refrained from doing this so that Yisro's greatness would be perceived by Moshe and the People of Israel.”

When Yisro added a major section to the Torah, had he already converted to Judaism, or was he just reacting with brilliant insight to a problem that he recognized, but had not made a break with his past, and assumed that he could contribute more to the Jewish cause as a passionate observer, but from outside the ranks of the Jewish People? It turns out that this question is disputed by two great Amoraim, Rav and Shmuel. The dispute is based on the verse, *“VaYichad Yisro...”* as in *“Yisro rejoiced over all the good that HaShem had done for Israel, that He had rescued them from Egypt.”* (Shemos 18:9) In Maseches Sanhedrin 94a we find “Rav said, ‘It means that Yisro passed a sharp sword over his body; meaning that he circumcised himself and converted to Judaism.’ And Shmuel said that ‘He experienced pain over all of his body, because he had very mixed feelings regarding the salvation of Israel; joy for Israel and sorrow over the destruction of Egypt.’”

Yisro said, *“Now I know that HaShem is the Highest G-d, for He destroyed Egypt, using the very means by which Pharaoh intended to destroy Israel.”* (Shemos 18:11) For, as mentioned above, Yisro was involved in the discussion of the plot to drown the Jewish baby boys and had fled from the genocidal evil that motivated the plan. Now he saw that HaShem had punished Egypt using the principle of “Midah K'neged Midah,” “Measure for Measure,” in exquisite repayment, by drowning the Egyptian army that was pursuing His Chosen People.

L'Illuy Nishmas beni, Aharon Baruch Mordechai ben Pinchas Menachem

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